



# City of Weslaco

*"The City on the Grow"*

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### Weslaco Lowers Property Tax & Water Rates

WESLACO, TX – The Weslaco Commission just adopted the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Municipal Budget that lowers taxes and fees while investing in infrastructure and expanding municipal services. Specifically, the new budget:

- Lowers property taxes by \$0.01/\$100.00 valuation
- Lowers the base fee for water and wastewater by over 5.0 percent
- Invests \$1.0 million in parks infrastructure
- Increases the number of police officers
- Adopts a living wage of \$10.10/hour for all full-time regular employees
- Provides a 5.0 percent increase to non-union employees employed before October 1, 2013

"This is the best budget we have had since I started with the City in 2010," said City Manager Leonardo Olivares. "It took us three years (two years ahead of schedule) to get the City's general fund balance to a respectable level. The additional police officers will add to the safety of our community."